

LAST WEEK OF PRACTICE

INDIANAPOLIS TEAM SHAPING ITSELF FOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON.

McCarthy, McFarland and Hogreiver Will Be the Permanent Outfield—Cleveland Games This Week.

The Indianapolis team to-day enters upon its final week of practice before the opening of the championship season on Wednesday, April 21. This year has been the worst on record for early spring practice. There has been absolutely no warm weather since the ball players arrived, and they have had little opportunity to get into condition for the hard work of the season. Still, as that is largely true of most of the Western League teams, Indianapolis is on pretty nearly even terms in that respect with the rest.

Of the young players who have been in a measure tried out during the past two weeks, Jackson and Cockman are the only ones who show immediate promise of being able to hold up in fast company. These two players are fast and evidently qualified to jump right in and make their mark in the Western League. They are good hitters, apparently, though of course it would take half a dozen games against some of the best of the best to test them. Both appear to be hard workers, and it would be wise for the management to hold on to them in some shape or other. Of course, Flynn can hardly be denominated a youngster, while it is a question of whether his health is likely to continue good. If it does, any team would find him a valuable man as he can cover more ground in the outfield by far than the average Western Leaguer. While not a hard hitter, Flynn has a good eye, and is rather a dangerous man for any pitcher to go against.

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The Police Took Jacob Steinmetz, a Butcher, Into Camp.

Jacob Steinmetz, a butcher, went to the bank yesterday and drew several hundred dollars with which to purchase beef. The roll was large and Steinmetz's appetite for liquor was fairly proportionate. He stopped in several saloons in the northeastern part of the city and bought drinks for all hands, himself always included. When Patrolman Crabtree found him he was in that state which made it almost necessary for his own good and that of his money that he be arrested, and he was accordingly sent to the police station.

Steinmetz thought it a good joke at first. He had \$15 already counted out which he threw on the turnkey's desk.

"Take that for my fine," he said, with a good-natured laugh, and he turned to go away.

At Taffe insisted that he would have to stay until he sobered up a little, and asked for the rest of his money. He became indignant, and it was necessary for two officers to hold him while he was searched. He had \$56 in bills of all denominations, from a \$100 bill to a handful of \$1 bills. It was some time before he was satisfied with the count and would consent to be locked up. He was released in a few hours and his money, with the exception of the amount of his bond, returned to him.

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The outfield of the Indianapolis team this year, in spite of all that has been said about it, will probably resolve itself into McCarthy, McFarland and Hogreiver. These three men are the most available, all things considered, that Manager Watkins has on his staff. In Hogan and Flynn he has two very clever players, but neither is quite as useful, take him all around, as the other three. Either of the three men just mentioned, Moiz, Stewart, Eustace and Gray will make up the infield, and the pitchers and catchers are well known. Whether the club will carry five pitchers or not remains to be seen. It certainly will not carry more than that, except, possibly, for the first month of the season. Of course, Phillips, Foreman, Gaer and Wolters are fixtures and will fill the place, if at the end of a few weeks Watkins decides to carry five pitchers, will be given to either Monroe or Kellum. The former has decidedly the better head, and his habits continue good and the management feels well assured that he will not lapse during the season. He stands a good show for a permanent place on the team. Now that Damon has gone, Kellum is the only left-hander, and it is possible, especially should he prove effective in these early games, that Watkins will want to keep him for the benefit of the numerous left-handed batters in the Western League. If Indianapolis will only hit at a fast clip this season the pennant will come back here to a certainty. The team has the pitchers and the fielders, and only needs to be seen whether they can get to work with their sticks right from the start and hit themselves back into the championship of the present season.

The Indianapolis players will be home from Cincinnati to-morrow night. They will meet Tebeau and his Cleveland warriors in battle array on Tuesday afternoon at the Ohio-street grounds. These three games with the Spiders will be the real big contests of the year. Kellum is to pitch the opening game Tuesday, and Watkins looks for great things from his left-handed curves. With the sort of weather that Indianapolis is entitled to after this long spell of waiting, these Cleveland games will attract big crowds. The fighting qualities of the Clevelanders are well known, and the games promise to be of the snappy sort so greatly appreciated, especially after a long winter. All the pitchers will be seen in the box during the week, and the team will line up practically as it will open the season against Grand Rapids a week from next Wednesday.

Baseball Notes.

It is "Coca-Cola" that John T. Brush will say about the shortstop's strike. Breitenstein weighs 162 pounds and he starts out this year. Last year he was forty-five pounds over that weight.

Boswell has notified Columbus that the cut in his salary will not go, and Loftus may miss the services of the tall pitcher.

Beam, Zeldner and Standish admit. Every man in every league has two or three who are the best carry to a salary day.

Anson can lace out more hits after having two strikes registered against him than any other pitcher on the old man.

Anson says the Kansas City club is the strongest baseball organization he ever saw in a minor league. The jolly ought to have Mattie a cold bottle. Anson should bring his team into the Western League if he has a taste for fast ball, and the taste would be agreeable to him.

Childs, of Billy Sharsig's team of Athletics, is a brother to Dimping Childs, the retired spider. Sharsig's first baseman, Hamburg, is an ex-Colonel, and covered center for the Bourbonnais club when that aggregation, during Brotherhood year, won the pennant of the old American Association.

Manager Mack, of the Milwaukeees, announced last week that he had exchanged McHale for Joe Wright, of the Pittsburghs. Wright says he has heard nothing about the Milwaukeees, but he will be a lawyer for him, realizing that with the Pittsburghs he will do the best out of the time, with the Brewers he will have a chance to play in the outfield.

Myers has finally determined to play on the Milwaukeees this year, and has accepted the club's terms the other day. He will join the team for to-day's game there, and, with three hours every day, and word comes from Kansas City that he will be a much better pitcher this year than he was last, when he relied entirely upon his speed.

Success of Indiana Physicians.

Dr. R. B. Grubbs, the son of ex-Mayor Grubbs, of this city, who graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York last June, was successful before graduation in a competitive examination for an appointment on the medical staff of

St. John's Hospital, in Brooklyn. Recently he entered a competitive examination held by the secretary of the navy for positions in the marine hospitals. After an examination extending over six days Dr. Grubbs was one of the five successful competitors of thirty.